

1,000,000 Pencils; 140,000 Erasers

Steel Industry's Paper Work Costs Millions

Nearly four million lead pencils are used up by employees of the steel industry in these United States during a year.

And they use nearly 140,000 erasers annually, too—indicating that steel workers make mistakes about as often as the rest of us.

The 2,000 gallons of ink consumed in the great volumes of yearly paperwork required in connection with making and selling steel would float several good-sized rowboats.

Pencils, erasers and ink are only minor items, however, in the steel industry's annual bill of \$2,600,000 for miscellaneous office supplies, according to the American Iron and Steel Institute.

Nearly 6,500,000 pounds of office paper are purchased in a year, enough to make a pile of standard business letter-head size sheets 41 miles high.

To facilitate filing the paperwork, nearly 16,000,000 rubber bands are purchased yearly, and over 100,000,000 paper clips. In buying paper clips the steel industry consumes steel it has previously made.

More than 110,000 inked ribbons for typewriters, adding machines and other business machines are purchased in an average year by steel companies.

Border Duty Ruling May Be Rescinded

Recent press reports that "effective immediately" all tourists returning from Mexico must remain 24 hours in that country in order to take advantage of the \$100 duty exemption, are erroneous, says the All-Year Club of Southern California. The treasury department at Washington declares that the ruling will not become effective until Oct. 28, and local sources advise that "it is quite possible the ruling will be reconsidered at that time."

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Beautiful Bess Ehrhardt, star of the Ice Follies of 1940, which opens Sept. 7th at the Pan-Pacific Ice Arena, Los Angeles. The colorful figure skating carnival will officially open the rebuilt Beverly Blvd. ice auditorium and is also the world's premiere of the new "Ice Follies of 1940."

Ham and Eggers Entertainment

Ham and Eggers of Torrance will be entertained tonight at the civic auditorium by the famous comedians, Doakes and Doakes and their Screwballs of 1940. These entertainers are well known to radio listeners as they have been connected with several of the well known programs.

Two hours of fun will be followed by a dance, and a jitterbug contest in which cash prizes will be awarded to the fanciest steppers. A moderate admission fee will be charged.

Population Gains Seven New Members

Five girls and two boys were added to the nursery list at the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They are a daughter born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cleland, Manhattan Beach; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. August K. Mueller, 25904 Pennsylvania avenue, on Saturday; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Popovich, 1444 West 218th street, on Friday; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taber, 1218 Cota, on Thursday; a son to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Collins, Gardena, on Wednesday, Aug. 23; a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dana, Harbor City, on Saturday; and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. Y. Ybarra, of San Pedro, Aug. 29.

NEWS OF THE P. T. A.

FERN AVE. P.-T. A. READY FOR SCHOOL YEAR

Mrs. J. J. Millard, president of the Fern Avenue P.-T. A., has announced the following members of her executive board for 1939-40: Art, Mrs. Mae Packer; Child Welfare, Mrs. W. C. Silence; Community Chest, Miss Laura Thomas; Coordinating Council, Mrs. A. C. Turner and Mrs. Irene Davis; Emblems and Publications, Mrs. Turner; Founders' Day, Mrs. Esther MacDuff; Health, Mrs. W. J. Bowers; Home Service, Mrs. D. Smith. Hospitality, Mrs. Davis; Membership, Mrs. John Hooper; Music, Mrs. Fred Fisher; Program, Mrs. Mark Melvaine; Publicity, Mrs. L. F. Watson; Public Welfare, Mrs. R. Meyers; Parent Education, Mrs. C. F. Schebler; Radio and Motion Pictures, Mrs. John Garner; Room Representation, Mrs. Millie Andrews; Safety, Mrs. C. Pickett; Ways and Means, Mrs. H. Pierson, and Parliamentarian, Mrs. George Fisher.

At the first meeting of the executive board, held last Thursday at the city park, plans were completed for sponsoring two booths on El Prado during the Factory Frolic. Mrs. A. C. Turner and Mrs. Irene Davis will be in charge of the stands which will sell popcorn and peanuts. The booths will be open Thursday and Friday afternoons, Sept. 28 and 29, and all day Saturday, Sept. 30.

The 1938 cotton crop in Texas was valued at \$129,000,000.

YEAR'S WORK PLANNED BY BOARD

The executive board of the Torrance Elementary P.-T. A. met at the home of the president, Mrs. Hillman R. Lee, on Tuesday and transacted much business. The budget for the year was adopted, plans for the work formulated, and special plans were made for the participation of the group in the factory frolic on Sept. 28-29-30.

TENTH DISTRICT PLANS 1940 CONVENTION

Elaborate advance plans for Tenth District participation in the state convention to be held next May in Los Angeles, have been made. Mrs. Rollin Brown as Tenth District president, will be convention hostess.

Mrs. Edward T. Walker, district first vice-president, will serve as Tenth District General Chairman for the convention.

Tenth District looks forward with pleasure to serving as hostess for this convention, the final one at which their own past president, Mrs. James K. Lytle, will preside as state president.

Tentative plans were made for all committees necessary to the proper management of this great convention.

PLACE STREET LIGHTS

Overhead street lights ordered recently by the city council have been installed at three Walteria intersections. A sodium vapor lamp illuminates the Ocean-Ward crossing.

Hen Adopts Kittens
HUNTINGTON, Ind. (U.P.)—A hen is rearing kittens here. The cat placed her kittens in the hen's nest, and when she returned the hen refused to give them up.

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